

## SCOTT COUNTY KICKER

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### STEEL TRUST AS CAT BUYER.

A rat got tangled up in one of the dynamos which supply power for the great blast furnace mill of the United States Steel corporation at Gary, Ind., says Louisville Courier-Journal. It required several hours to separate the rat's remains from the dynamo and in the meantime the corporation was losing money at the rate of a thousand dollars a minute. Now the steel trust is advertising for cats. Advertisements have been inserted in the Gary newspapers, offering 50 cents apiece, with no limitations as to age, sex, size, pedigree or character. Fifty cents a head is a good price for cats and the officials of the steel trust are likely to have to contend with an embarrassment of offerings. When the newspapers to all the cities and small towns of Indiana there will be a rush of feline shipments to Gary and the steel trust will find itself with a surplus of cats scarcely less troublesome than the vermin of rats with which it has been contending heretofore. Hundreds of Indiana families will willingly part with all their feline possessions at a compensation of 50 cents per cat. Some thousands of small boys will explore the alleys and woodsheds until the last backyard fence is denuded.

The report from Pisa that royal engineers state that the inclination of the leaning tower at that place has increased eight inches and that the structure is likely to collapse will tend to further increase the number of those who believe that the tower was never intended to be a freak of masonry, but that it became a wonder by the yielding of its foundation on one side. As a "drawing card" for tourists the famous leaning tower has had value in addition to the historic considerations, and if it should fall there would doubtless be a demand for its reconstruction. A modern builder could give Pisa a leaning tower of greater inclination by using an anchored steel skeleton and clothing it with well fastened veneer.

A speaker at a meeting of a medical society in New Jersey declared that some of the greatest surgeons living had left sponges, forceps and other instruments in the abdominal cavities of persons operated upon, and that the practice was "unexcusable." This makes cheerful reading for the lay public, especially that portion of it that has hospital experience in prospect; but the statement of the existence of this practice is also puzzling from the fact that it must be a more or less expensive practice to the surgeons themselves to be so careless about losing good instruments.

A New York woman was fined five dollars for getting drunk in public and using the large "D" to a policeman. New York seems to be doing something to keep the cost of the necessities of life on the Great White Way within reason.

An Englishman has paid \$700 for a 600-year-old alphabet. He could have got a new one for nothing, but these Britons are so conservative.

St. Louis is howling for a barrel of free ice water at each corner. Will ice cool that concrete composition fondly thought to be water in St. Louis?

Doctor Wiley says that there's nothing especially dangerous in kissing—except the prospect of marriage, we presume.

Some one has discovered 41,000,000 germs in a malaga grape. Still, for all that, malaga grapes are pretty good eating.

An eighty-three-year-old Pennsylvania dame takes her first ride on a train. She couldn't learn any younger.

Even in hot weather some self-sacrificing, hard-working correspondent manages to sweat out a war scare.

Staten Island has seen the first sea serpent, and now the lid ought to be put on it.

Two Dreadnaughts will cost \$23,000,000, but that can't scare a dreadnaught.

Forty-four scrubwomen have been laid off by the city of New York. New York's economy had known no bounds.

Down in Pittsburg the overcoat makers have gone on a strike. This may be the psychological moment for an overcoat strike, but who'd have thought it?

Aviating and ballooning kill a man every day or two just to prove that the air is a long way from being conquered yet.

Excellent hot weather exercise is watching a tennis match.

Texas are carrying shotguns these days. The mosquito season has arrived.

If Texas doesn't stop raising so much corn she will get herself disliked by Kansas.

Getting back from a picnic is the real test of the kind of time you had.

Aviators are falling like the leaves of the forest.

## 10,723 KILLED BY CHOLERA IN WEEK

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES IN RUSSIA THIS YEAR IS 112,985; 50,257 WERE FATAL.

### DISEASE PARTLY CHECKED

Authorities Believe That Disease Will Continue Its Natural Decrease—Epidemic Increasing Steadily in Southern Italy.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—One week's cholera record for Russia shows 23,244 new cases of cholera and 10,723 deaths, bringing the total number of cases in Russia this year to 112,985. Of these, 50,257 have died.

The figures are those furnished by the sanitary bureau, covering the week from August 7 to August 13, inclusive.

Reports from Red Cross sources indicate that the actual figures are somewhat greater, as it is impossible to register every case in an epidemic of such proportions.

The epidemic in St. Petersburg shows a considerable decrease, only 265 cases and 133 deaths having been reported for the last six days.

Cholera increasing in Italy. Bari, Italy.—The epidemic of cholera which has broken out in southern Italy is steadily showing an increase in the districts affected, particularly in the town of Trani, where the number of deaths is more than 30.

### SLAYING IS MYSTERIOUS

Body of Desplaines, Ark., Man Found Upon the Balcony of Poplar Bluff Hotel.

Poplar Bluff, Mo.—E. H. Frazier of Desplaines, Ark., was murdered on the balcony of the Southern hotel at 1:30 o'clock in the morning. H. O. Ellis, who accompanied him to this city, and a number of attaches of the law, have been arrested.

The man was last seen alive at 10 o'clock sitting on a box in a corner of the balcony. He had been struck a powerful blow on the left temple.

### CAMPAIGNING FOR 1912

Democratic and Republican Headquarters Start the Work in Chicago.

Chicago.—The opening of campaign headquarters of both the Democratic and Republican parties in Chicago, marked the beginning of the 1912 presidential campaign, and the work is in full swing.

Congressman James T. Lloyd, of Missouri, is in charge of the Democratic offices, while Col. Henry Casson is chief of the Republican organization.

### KILLS IN A FAMILY ROW

Coroner's Jury Holds Youth Was Justified in Killing Father, in Defending Mother.

Carmen, Ok.—E. L. Foster, 50 years old, a farmer, was shot and instantly killed by his son, Harry, 22 years old, during a family quarrel.

Young Foster voluntarily surrendered to the authorities and later was exonerated by a coroner's jury.

The boy shot in defense of his mother, whom his father attacked.

### AUTO CROSSES CONTINENT

L. L. Whitman Drives Machine From the Atlantic to the Pacific in Eleven Days.

San Francisco, Cal.—Breaking the automobile time record from coast to coast, L. L. Whitman, who established the former record in 1909, accompanied by E. L. Hammond and a driving crew of three, arrived here from New York in their discomfited machine after 19 days 13 hours 12 minutes and 1 second, official time, on the road.

### NEBRASKA RETURNS HAZY

Dahman Leads by 2,000 but Shallenberger Clings to Hope of Victory.

Lincoln, Neb.—Nebraska primary returns are hazy but the figures on the Democratic nomination for governor still lack one-third of being complete.

Mayor Dahman of Omaha is nearly 2,000 to the good, but Gov. Shallenberger will not admit defeat.

Smuggled Chinese Caught. Portland, Ore.—An attempt to smuggle 20 Chinese was frustrated by Inspector Barbour when that number of Chinese stowaways were discovered in the chain locker of the steamer Kunerle.

Three Injured in Collision. Buffalo, N. Y.—Three persons were injured, two seriously, when a train on the New York Central collided with a light engine at the American approach to the International bridge.

Eight Persons Burned in Tenement. Wheeling, West Virginia.—Mrs. Adelaide Jackson, 72 years old, was burned to death, Mrs. Gartland Higgins seriously burned and six others injured in a tenement house fire. Damage, \$12,000.

Postmasters Get Vacation. Washington.—Montana postmasters of the fourth class have been granted leave of absence to attend the meeting of the National League of Postmasters of the fourth class at Helena, September 29-30.

## LONGWORTHURGES DEFEAT OF CANNON

ANNOUNCES FROM BEVERLY HE WILL NEVER SUPPORT HIM FOR SPEAKER AGAIN.

### "CAN NOT BE RE-ELECTED"

Taft and Sherman Probably Backing Fight—Roosevelt's Son-in-Law Makes Announcement After a Conference With Leaders.

Beverly, Mass.—Reflecting the views of the administration, it is generally believed, Representative Nicholas Longworth of Ohio gave out a statement in which he said he will never support Speaker Cannon again and that he does not believe Cannon can be re-elected.

This is regarded as the actual beginning of the fight on Cannon.

It was regarded as significant that Mr. Longworth had been called into all the recent conferences of a political character held by President Taft. He was present when the president and vice-president talked together following the meeting of the New York state Republican central committee.

The fact that the statement was given out following the conference at the summer White House regarding the coming congressional campaign is taken here as indicating that President Taft as well as Vice-President Sherman is behind the movement to eliminate Mr. Cannon.

### SEEK BENIGNUS SLAYER

County Commissioners Offer a Reward of \$500 and the State May Follow Suit.

Abilene, Kan.—A reward of \$500 for the capture of the murderer of Bertha Dickinson, found dead in her bed here on Sunday, was offered by the commissioners of Dickinson county. Application also was made to Governor Stubbs for a state reward, which probably will be \$250.

After trying four days to solve the mystery of the murder of the girl on the eve of her wedding, the officers still are at a loss for evidence that points to the murderer.

### FRENCH DEDICATE STATUE

Replica of Houdon's Statue of Washington Now Represented in Napoleon Hall at Versailles.

Versailles, France.—In the Napoleon hall of the Chateau of Versailles, in the presence of the French minister of war, General Brunt; the French ambassador to the United States, M. Jusserand, and his wife, and the American ambassador, Robert Bacon, and Mrs. Bacon, the bronze replica of Houdon's celebrated statue of Washington in the state house at Richmond, Va., presented by the state of Virginia to the French republic, was dedicated.

### BALLOONISTS END FLIGHT

Philadelphia II. Comes to Earth 331 Miles From the Starting Point After 12-Hour Sail.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Although falling in the attempt to reach Canada, Dr. Thomas E. Edridge pilot of the balloon "Philadelphia II.," who, with two companions, ascended from Point Breeze, returned here with the local time record to the balloon's credit as the result of remaining in the air 12 hours and 55 minutes.

It landed on Negro mountain, in western Maryland, after a flight of 331 miles.

### LIGHTNING BURNS TANKS

Damage in the Oklahoma Oil Fields is Roughly Estimated to Be \$150,000.

Tulsa, Ok.—Approximately \$150,000 worth of oil and tanks in the Oklahoma fields were destroyed by fire during a severe electrical storm.

A mile and a half northeast of Keller a 55,000-barrel steel tank of the Kansas and Oklahoma company was struck by lightning and burned. A short distance to the north two 160,000-barrel tanks went up in flames, and still further north a 55,000-barrel tank was lost. In the same field three wooden tanks were consumed.

\$100,000 Fire in Milwaukee Plant. Milwaukee, Wis.—Fire in the Plankinton Packing company's plant here did damage estimated at \$75,000. Hundreds of tons of cured meat were damaged.

Asiatic Cholera in Italy. Rome, Italy.—Asiatic cholera has broken out in the province of Bari delle Puglie on a peninsula in the Adriatic, and measures have been taken by the government to prevent the spread of the disease.

Lumberman Slain in Fight. Little Rock, Ark.—Al Smith shot and killed Obe Herndon near Berryville, because the latter refused to discontinue timber cutting. Herndon owns a sawmill. Smith is at large in the mountains.

German Airship is Burned. Berlin, Germany.—Searching parties and scout airships were sent through Hallow Forest, hunting for an airship which was seen to catch fire and fall. The accident was witnessed by workmen on the outskirts of Dessau.

Gaynor Rumors Are Denied. Hoboken, N. J.—Despite the fact that disquieting rumors about the condition of Mayor Gaynor continue to be circulated, the doctors in attendance related that he is progressing satisfactorily.

## MOISSANT FLIES ACROSS CHANNEL

CARRIES MECHANICIAN IN MONOPLANE ON TRIP FROM PARIS TO LONDON.

### SEEKS PRIZE OF \$25,000

Lands on English Coast Because of the Cold of the Upper Air—Daring Aviator Is Said to Be an American.

London.—John D. Moissant, flying between Paris and London, landed at Tilmanstone, near Deal, after crossing the English channel. When he reached English soil he was numb with cold and hardly could get out of his aeroplane, though he made a safe landing.

Moissant is flying in a Blériot monoplane and what makes his feat more remarkable is that he carried a passenger, his mechanic, named Albert. Moissant was born in Chicago of Spanish parents, and is hitherto virtually unknown in flying circles.

Moissant left Calais for Dover at 10:45, beginning the transchannel flight in the face of a stiff breeze. He reached Calais at 7 o'clock, but had to stop there, awaiting a partial subsidence of the gale.

In an interview Moissant declared that this was his first "visit" to England and the sixth time that he had ever flown in an aeroplane.

"I did not know the route from Paris to Calais and do not now know the way from Dover to London. I am relying altogether on the compass. My mechanic, who flew across the channel with me, was never in an aeroplane before. He weighs 182 pounds.

"After leaving Calais I encountered a gusty wind and a cold rain that interfered with my flight. Near the English coast the conditions became so bad that I was forced to descend. I was numb from cold and could hardly manipulate my machine."

### BEGS TO ENTERTAIN TAFT

Embassy in Washington Says the Japanese Emperor Would Make Visit Historical.

Washington.—The hinted promise of the president that he will visit the Philippines within the next two years is holding the attention of officials of the Japanese embassy. Necessarily he would stop at a Japanese port. This occasion would be made historical by the Japanese emperor.

The Japanese embassy will be urged to make known to the president how much Japan would appreciate President Taft's call.

### 93,600,000 IN COUNTRY

Statistician Estimates Total Gain in Population From Census Reports So Far Made Public.

New York.—A Columbia university statistician has been comparing the census figures thus far announced with those of the previous enumeration. He figures that the average gain thus far shown is 93.7 per cent. If a similar percentage applies to the rest of the country, the total population of continental United States will be more than 93,600,000.

### CRIPPEN GAINS A POINT

Counsel for Suspected Murderer of Belle Elmore to Investigate Conditions Where Body Was Found.

London, Eng.—Dr. H. H. Crippen, held in Quebec for the murder of his wife, Belle Elmore, gained a legal point when Arthur Newton, the solicitor retained to represent him here, obtained permission to make an independent medical examination of the cellar of the Crippen home at 39 Hill-drop Crescent, North London.

### SHERIFF KILLS A THIEF

Desperate Fight Near Hot Springs, Ark., Court House Arouses Citizens, Who Form Posse.

Hot Springs, Ark., Aug. 18.—Sheriff Hought, after being wounded in the abdomen in a desperate fight with three horse thieves, killed one and then started in pursuit of the other two in an automobile.

A posse is being formed to capture the fugitives, should Hought fail, and a lynch is expected to follow their capture.

Stabs Man Beside Grave. Yazoo City, Miss.—Standing by the side of the grave of his daughter, who was about to be buried, Polk Evers, 70 years old, fatally stabbed Allen Pigg, who was said to have slandered Evers' wife.

Chicago Estimates She Has 2,500,000. Chicago.—With a new directory giving the names of 892,198 Chicagoans and accounting for a total of 2,329,013, publishers of the new directory announced their belief that Chicago has 2,500,000 souls.

Morphine Kills Jersey Editor. New York.—Albert Spink, owner and publisher of the Foundry News, a trade paper, and formerly editor of Cassier's Magazine, is dead at his home in Jersey City, from an overdose of morphine.

John D's Taxes Higher. Tarrytown, N. Y.—The Tarrytown assessors have raised their estimate of the value of John D. Rockefeller's home at Pocantico Hills. This year it goes on the rolls at \$300,000 instead of \$250,000.

## INSURGENTS WIN DECISIVE CONTEST

M. W. JOHNSON CARRIES EVERY COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA EXCEPT SAN FRANCISCO.

### NEBRASKA RETURNS SLOW

Hitchcock Believed Named for Senate and Sutton for House—Dahman Apparently Leads Race for Nominee for Governor.

San Francisco, Cal.—Insurgency appears to have won the day in California. There is little doubt that Hiram W. Johnson, under the banner of insurgency and rebellion against the political activities of the Southern Pacific railway, has swept the state. From every county the returns roll up his majority, and it looks like he would carry every county, with the exception of San Francisco, where Charles F. Curry, his closest opponent, has a lead of 1,000.

HITCHCOCK APPARENTLY DEFEATS METCALFE, IN NEB. Omaha, Neb.—The only definite returns received from the Nebraska primary election, indicated the nomination of Congressman Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Democratic candidate for United States senator, and Judge A. L. Sutton by the Republicans for congress in the Second district.

On governor, appearances favored Mayor Dahman of Omaha, but the race is a close one, and many believe the country vote will give Governor Shallenberger the advantage.

### BROWNE VENIRE "FIRED"

Chicago Court Declares All of 75 Men Had Been Approached—Many Admit Being Seen.

Chicago, Ill.—Declaring practically all of them had been "approached" in connection with the retrial of Lee O'Neill Browne, Judge Kersten dismissed a panel of 75 veniremen who had been subpoenaed.

Judge Kersten asked each man by name if he had been called up by any one in connection with his possible services as a juror. Nearly all answered in the affirmative.

### MAKE REPORT ON PRICES

Minority of Senate Committee Blames Tariff, Trusts and Abundance of Money for Rise.

Washington, D. C.—The tariff, trusts and an increased money supply are the three substantial causes for the advance in prices in the United States, according to Senators Johnson of Alabama, Clarke of Arkansas and Smith of South Carolina, minority members of the select senate committee appointed at the last session of congress to investigate and make a report on wages and the prices of commodities.

### BRUSSELS FAIR REOPENED

Ruins of the Great Fire Attract Very Large Crowds to the Belgian Capital.

Brussels.—A commission of three experts opened a judicial inquiry into the fire which wiped out some of the most valuable exhibits of the international exposition Sunday night.

The grounds were again thrown open to the public, and great attendance was attracted. At the same time it was stated officially a financial disaster was not expected, in spite of the heavy loss, owing to insurance.

### 39 DROWN IN COLLISION

Spanish Steamer Founders After a Crash in Fog With German Steamer Elsa.

Gibraltar.—The Spanish steamer Martos foundered off Tarifa, at the entrance to the Straits of Gibraltar, after a collision with the German steamer Elsa.

Thirty-nine persons were drowned, of whom 25 were passengers. The survivors were landed here. A dense fog prevailed at the time of the collision.

### Santa Fe General Manager Dead.

Chicago, Ill.—Word was received at the Chicago headquarters of the Santa Fe railroad announcing the death in Germany of General Manager James Edward Hurley. Heart disease is given as the cause of death.

### Starts a Long Flight.

Paris.—Hubert Latham, in his big Antoinette monoplane, started on a flight from Paris to London. He is trying for the London Daily Mail's prize of \$25,000 offered for such a flight.

### Troops to Quell Riots.

Columbus, O.—Armed with riot guns Troop B, Battery C and the first regiment, from Cincinnati and vicinity, arrived in Columbus, called out a second time, in connection with the street car strike.

### Death Total in Japan.

Tokyo, Japan.—The death list resulting from the floods continues to climb, and with reports coming from remote districts not previously heard from, it is believed the victims will number more than 1,500.

### Court Turns Down Iowa Governor.

Des Moines, Ia.—Judges of the Poik county district court refused to grant Governor Carroll's formal request that court be called a week earlier than planned, so that he might have a more speedy trial.

## OPERATORS WILL IMPORT MINERS

OPERATORS' ASSOCIATION PLANS TO TEST LAW PROHIBITING ACTION.

### ULTIMATUM TO WORKMEN

Strikers Must Return to Shafts or See Places Filled—Real Fight Is Expected to Develop in Indianapolis.

Chicago, Ill.—The advisory committee of the Illinois Coal Operators' association concluded to test the laws which prohibit the importation of miners in the strike-ridden Illinois district. It also voted to sever all negotiations with State President Walker of the United Miners of America.

The committee issued an ultimatum that the strikers would have to accept the compromise agreement which was sanctioned by International President Lewis or see their places filled with nonunion men. The general meeting of operators arranged was called off, after an exchange of telegrams between President A. J. Moorshead, in St. Louis, and Harry N. Taylor, chairman of the advisory committee, but Mr. Moorshead is now here and affairs are so arranged that the operators can be called together in less than 24 hours.

As part of the plan to import nonunion miners, it was decided that the operators as an association would have to purchase one of the mines owned by individual members, so that responsibility for the crime of felony will be evenly distributed.

### FAMINE FOLLOWS FLOOD

Japanese Government Helpless to Meet Situation Brought About by High Water.

Tokyo, Japan.—Tokio's unprecedented flood has already claimed 700 lives, according to the latest estimates, with the prospects that the total deaths will run into the thousands as the result of the destitute condition of the sufferers and the inability of the authorities to render any but the slowest relief.

Owing to the cutting off of transportation lines, the city's food supply is running short.

### CHARLTON VICTIM SLAYER

Baltimore Paper Links Her Name With Death of Edith Woodill in Eastman Bungalow.

Baltimore, Md.—The Baltimore Sun prints a sensational story linking the murder of Edith Mary Thompson Woodill, near St. Michaels, Md., in June, 1908, with that of Mary Scott Castle Chawton at Lake Como, Italy, and suggesting the possibility Mrs. Charlton was the woman referred to in the letter of "Lame Bob" Eastman as having killed Mrs. Woodill by striking her on the head with a full champagne bottle.

### WROTE M'KINLEY LETTER

James J. Gallagher Also Threatened Other Public Officials Twelve Years Ago.

New York.—James J. Gallagher, who shot and seriously wounded Mayor Gaynor, also wrote threatening letters some 12 years ago against President McKinley, Lyman J. Gage, then secretary of the treasury; Wilbur F. Wakeman, then appraiser of the port of New York, and others whom he held responsible for his discharge from the appraiser's stores.

### ANGEL OF CRIMEA DEAD

Florence Nightingale, Famous English Nurse Who Saved Thousands of Lives, Succumbs.

London, Eng.—Florence Nightingale, the famous organizer of nurses in the Crimean war, died at her home in London.

She was the first woman to follow a modern army into battle as a nurse, and in the Crimean war gained the title of "Angel of the Crimea." She was the only woman who ever received the order of merit.

### Shoe Wasn't Fox's Bank.

Big Rapids, Michigan.—Stephen Fox of Sheridan township is poorer by \$350 than he was a few days ago. Thinking that an old shoe was safer than a bank, he deposited that amount in the shoe. Mrs. Fox, thinking that the shoe was worthless, threw it into the fire.

### South Sea Liner Ablaze.

Auckland, N. Z.—The Union liner Atua was reported afire near the Friendly Islands with her cargo badly damaged and her crew exhausted by a long fight. Efforts to send her aid are being made.

### Jack Johnson Opens Tour.

Chicago.—Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion, opened a 30-weeks' theatrical tour in Cleveland. The champion will appear in a training camp sketch with bag punching, and the usual training stunts.

### Express Assessment Raised.

Paris.—After listening to the protests of the express companies to an increased assessment the state railroad commission fixed the figure at 25 per cent increase over the returns made by the companies.

### Paulhan Wins \$5,000 Prize.

Paris.—Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, has won the London Daily Mail's prize of \$5,000 for the longest total of cross-country flights during the year. He is credited with 831 miles.

## NEWS FROM MISSOURI

### Tobacco Acreage Doubled.